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SUBJECT: ROK SPECIAL MISSION TO GULF STATES

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1. KIM CALLED ON DCM JULY 3 TO BRIEF EMBASSY ON PROGRESS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HERE. HE HAD MET FOR SOME THREE HOURS JULY 2 WITH UNDERSECRETARY ABDULLA MAZRU'I AND GROUP OF ADVISORS AND HAD MUCH SHORTER MEETING JULY 3 (CURTAILED BY SHAIKH ZAYID'S DEPARTURE TO FRANCE ON STATE VISIT) WITH MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAIF GHOBASH. HE HOPED TO SEE MAZRU'I AGAIN BEFORE DEPARTING FOR MUSCAT JULY 4.

2. KIM SAID THAT HE HAD FOUND MAZRU'I VERY INTERESTED IN HIS EXPLANATION OF KOREAN POSITION AND GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC-- ALL THE MORE SO WHE, IN RESPONSE TO EARLY QUESTION FROM
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MAZRU'I, KIM WAS ABLE TO OUTLINE ROK POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST

ISSUES LARGELY SYMPATHETIC TO ARAB CAUSE. DESPITE THIS SYMPATHY, HOWEVER, OVERALL RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS WERE PRE-
DICTABLY LESS THAN COMPLETELY SATISFYING. ON QUESTION OF
POSSIBLE ROK-UAEG DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, KIM SAID THAT MAZRU'I
AT LUNCH ON JULY 2 FOLLOWING THEIR MORING MEETING HAD PRI-
VATELY TOLD HIM THAT HE (MAZRU'I) THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE
POSSIBLE. GHOBASH NEXT DAY, HOWEVER, REITERATED POSITION
WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED--THAT UAEG HAS NO RELATIONS WITH ANY
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, THAT IF IT HAD RELATIONS WITH ROK THEN
IT WOULD HAVE TO GRANT SIMILAR REQUEST FROM NORTH KOREA WHICH
WOULD THEN BE FOLLOWED BY CHINA, USSR, ETC. HENCE THIS WAS
NOT THE TIME FOR SUCH MOVE. KIM SAID HE HOPED CLARIFY
DIFFERENCE IN FURTHER MEETING WITH MAZRU'I BUT, AS DCM TOLD
HIM, WE WILL BE SURPRISED IF GHOBASH'S POSITION DOES NOT HOLD.
RE NONALIGNED CONFERENCE, KIM SAID THAT UAEG HAD PROMISED
SUPPORT ADMISSION OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, POSITION
WHICH WAS SATISFACTORY TO ROK. ON UNGA, KIM HAD GOTTEN LITTLE
SATISFACTION. GHOBASH HAD STATED CLEARLY THAT THIS WAS TYPE
OF ISSUE IN WHICH UAEG DID NOT WISH GET INVOLVED, I.E. IT
WOULD ABSTAIN OR BE ABSENT. MAZRU'I WAS DEFINITELY SYMPATHETIC
WITH KIM'S POSITON, BUT HE TOO OUTLINED DIFFICULTIES IN TAKING
POLITICAL STAND.

3. COMMENT: DCM HAD BRIEF CHANCE DURING JULY 4 RECEPTION
TO MENTION KIM VISIT TO MAZRU'I. LATTER OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED,
AS WERE WE, BY KIM AND MANNER IN WHICH HE PRESENTED CASE.
WHILE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN POLICY NOT LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE,
KIM'S ARGUMENTS WERE NOT WITHOUT IMPACT. AS OPPORTUNITY
ARISES, WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO NUTURE THE SEEDS WHICH HE
HAS LEFT.
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